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THE TORCH WILL
HAVE TO SAVE
HIMSELF WITHOUT THE
HELP OF *SPIDER-MAN!*
BUT I WONDER...
CAN HE DO IT?



THE
HUMAN TORCH
TRAPPED BY
SPIDER-MAN'S
FATAL FOE...

THE
UNCANNY
SANDMAN!

A MARVEL
MASTERPIECE
OF FANTASY!



THE WORLD'S GREATEST MOLDER OF HANDSOME HE-MEN and CHAMPS out of WEAKLINGS says

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in THRILLING MINUTES a day, as I have done to THOUSANDS in 20 YEARS.



BEN REBUHN

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WOMEN always say, "I just adore A.B.C. ALL-MALE HE-MEN".

Not I don't care now skinny or flabby you are one. If you're in your teens, twenties, thirties or forties, I'll show you in just 10 thrilling minutes in your home, how you can make yourself over by the easy, quick method I turned myself from wreck to a tower of strength and endurance, of others into all-male he-men!

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BEFORE

mailing coupon this A.B.C. pupil was this 90 lb. skeleton. Gained 70 lbs. Made football team.

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Pascarella



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**THE
HUMAN
TORCH**

THE SANDMAN STRIKES!

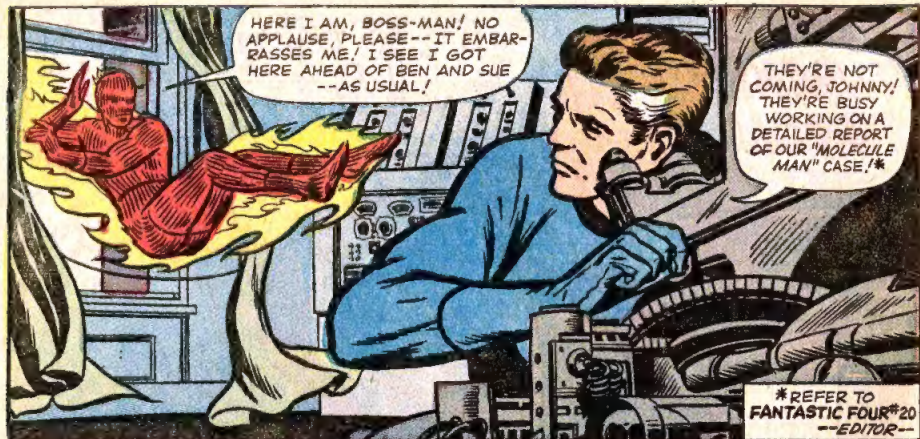
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**HOT
ZIGGETTY!**
THERE'S
THE OLD
F.F. FLARE
SIGNAL! IT'S
ABOUT **TIME**
I HAD A LITTLE
ACTION! GANGWAY,
WORLD-- HERE
COMES THE
TORCH!



IN THIS
FAST-PACED
ACTION THRILLER
YOU WILL MEET
ONE OF THE
MARVEL COMICS
GROUP'S MOST
SENSATIONAL
SUPER-VILLAINS
--THE UNPREDICTABLE
SANDMAN!*
FROM THE
SPLIT-SECOND THAT
HIS BODY WAS
SUBJECTED TO
ATOMIC RADIATION
WHILE HE WAS
AT THE
SEASHORE,
THE GRAINS OF
SAND FROM
THE BEACH
FUSED WITH
HIS OWN FLESH,
AND --
BUT, YOU WILL
SOON SEE
FOR YOURSELF!

*BY SPECIAL
ARRANGEMENT
WITH THE
**AMAZING
SPIDER-MAN
MAGAZINE!**



HERE I AM, BOSS-MAN! NO APPLAUSE, PLEASE--IT EMBARRASSES ME! I SEE I GOT HERE AHEAD OF BEN AND SUE --AS USUAL!

THEY'RE NOT COMING, JOHNNY! THEY'RE BUSY WORKING ON A DETAILED REPORT OF OUR "MOLECULE MAN" CASE!*

*REFER TO FANTASTIC FOUR#20
--EDITOR--



AS FOR ME, I'M RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF SOME NEW EXPERIMENTATION-- TRYING TO FIND A CLUE TO ALICIA'S BLINDNESS, AND I JUST CAN'T STOP NOW!



SO YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE LEFT TO HANDLE THE LITTLE TASK WHICH I HAVE FOR YOU! THAT IS, IF YOUR GAGGLE OF GAL FRIENDS CAN SPARE YOU LONG ENOUGH!

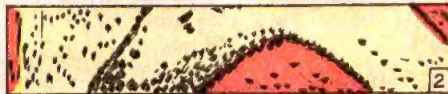


SET YOUR MIND AT EASE, BIG DADDY! WHATEVER YOUR CAPER IS, I'LL STILL WRAP IT UP IN TIME TO DATE SOME LUCKY CHICK TONIGHT!

OKAY, ROMEO... WHILE YOU'RE FIGHTING YOUR INFERIORITY COMPLEX I'LL FILL YOU IN ON YOUR MISSION...



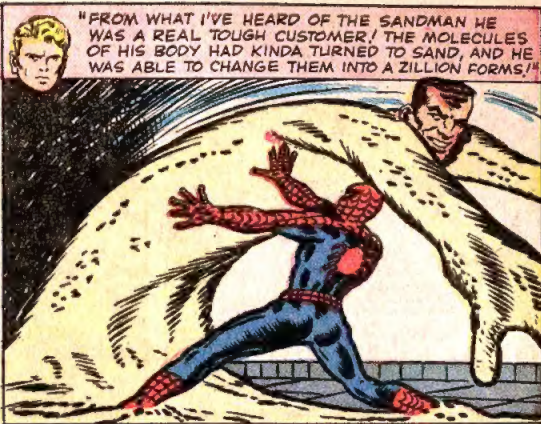
"BUT I'VE GOT TO WARN YOU, LITTLE BASHFUL BUDDY, IT MAY BE TOUGHER THAN YOU THINK! I JUST LEARNED THAT THE SANDMAN HAS BROKEN OUT OF JAIL--AND THAT SPELLS TROUBLE, NO MATTER HOW YOU READ IT,"



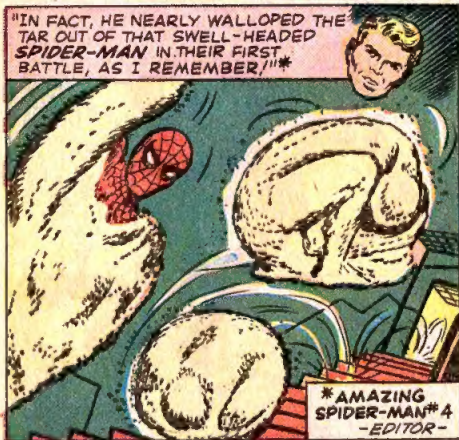
THE **SANDMAN**! FLAMIN' FIREBALLS! ISN'T HE THE JOKER WHO ALMOST FOUGHT **SPIDER-MAN** TO A STANDSTILL A FEW MONTHS BACK??

GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS, LAD!

SNAP!

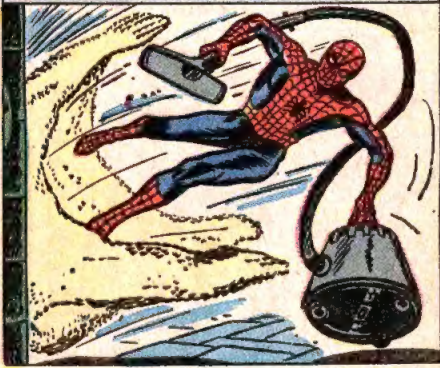


"IN FACT, HE NEARLY WALLOPED THE TAR OUT OF THAT SWELL-HEADED **SPIDER-MAN** IN THEIR FIRST BATTLE, AS I REMEMBER!"*

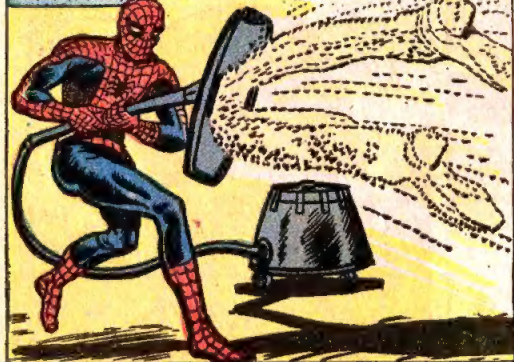


*AMAZING **SPIDER-MAN**#4
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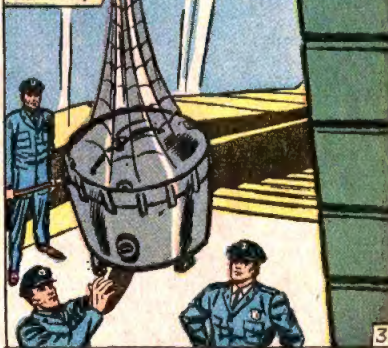
"YOU'RE RIGHT, JOHNNY! BUT THEN, AT THE LAST MINUTE, **SPIDER-MAN** FOUND A WAY TO STOP HIS DEADLY FOE! HE GOT HOLD OF AN OVERSIZED INDUSTRIAL VACUUM CLEANER..."



"AND, BEFORE **SANDMAN** COULD CAUSE THE SANDY MOLECULES OF HIS BODY TO SOLIDIFY, OUR MASKED FRIEND WHISKED HIM INSIDE THE MACHINE, TRAPPING HIM THERE!"



"THEN, WHILE HE WAS STILL SAFELY IMPRISONED WITHIN THE VACUUM'S CANNISTER, HE WAS HUSTLED OFF TO JAIL, WHERE IT WAS HOPED HE WOULD REMAIN!"

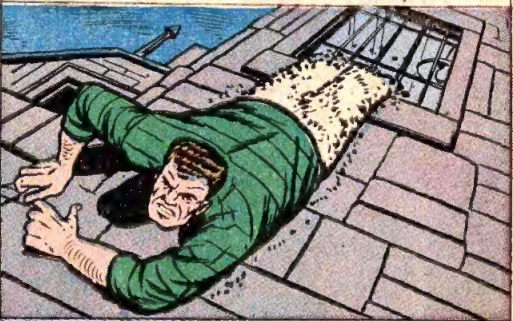


ONE CORRECTION, REED! SPIDER-MAN'S NO FRIEND OF MINE, THAT COSTUMED CLOWN REALLY BUGS ME! ANYWAY, WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

JUST WHAT WE MIGHT HAVE EXPECTED! I RECEIVED THIS TELETYPE FROM THE POLICE JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO...



"SANDMAN BIDED HIS TIME IN JAIL, WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT, AND THEN--BEFORE DAYBREAK THIS MORNING, HE SIMPLY ALTERED THE MOLECULES OF HIS BODY AGAIN, AND, IN HIS SANDY FORM, OOOZED THRU THE BARS OF HIS CELL--TO FREEDOM!"



OKAY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPELL IT OUT! NOW YOU WANT ME TO BRING HIM IN, RIGHT?

NOT EXACTLY, LITTLE FRIEND! I WANT YOU TO FIND SPIDER-MAN!! AFTER ALL, HE'S HAD MORE EXPERIENCE AGAINST THE SANDMAN!



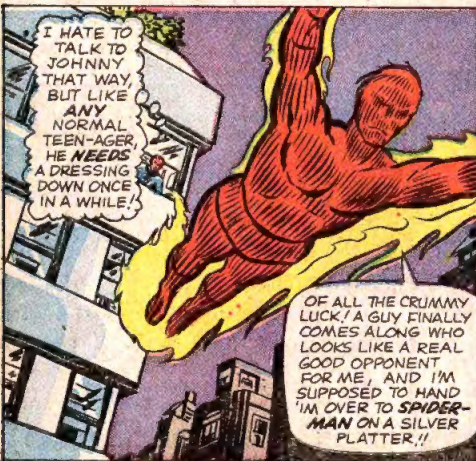
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR EVER-LOVIN' MIND ??!!!



SINCE WHEN DOES THE HUMAN TORCH ACT AS A MESSENGER BOY FOR THAT DIM-WITTED, BLISTER-BRAINED SPIDER-MAN??!

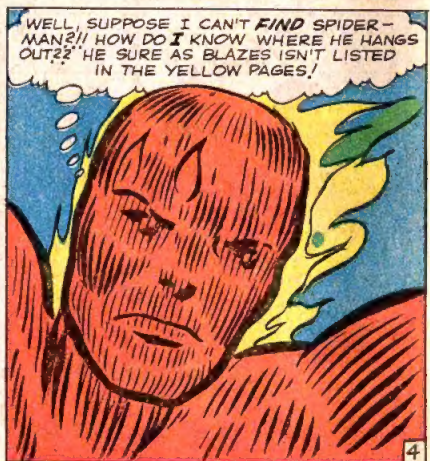
SINCE RIGHT NOW, FELLA! I STILL GIVE THE ORDERS IN OUR COMBO, AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT! NOW GET GOING, AND SKIP THE TEMPER TANTRUM! I'M NOT IMPRESSED!

I HATE TO TALK TO JOHNNY THAT WAY, BUT LIKE ANY NORMAL TEEN-AGER, HE NEEDS A DRRESSING DOWN ONCE IN A WHILE!



OF ALL THE CRUMMY LUCK! A GUY FINALLY COMES ALONG WHO LOOKS LIKE A REAL GOOD OPPONENT FOR ME, AND I'M SUPPOSED TO HAND 'IM OVER TO SPIDER-MAN ON A SILVER PLATTER!!

WELL, SUPPOSE I CAN'T FIND SPIDER-MAN??! HOW DO I KNOW WHERE HE HANGS OUT?? HE SURE AS BLAZES ISN'T LISTED IN THE YELLOW PAGES!



LATER, AFTER HOURS OF FLYING LOW OVER THE CITY, COMBING EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD...

WELL, LOOKY HERE! THERE'S THE **SANDMAN**, STROLLING ACROSS THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE! BIG AS LIFE AND TWICE AS CLUMSY!



HE WASN'T HARD TO FIND! LOOKS LIKE EVERY PROWL CAR IN TOWN IS ZEROED IN ON HIM!



MY CONSCIENCE IS CLEAR! I COULDN'T FIND **SPIDER-MAN**, SO I GUESS IT'S UP TO SUSIE'S KID BROTHER HIMSELF NOW!

OKAY, **SANDMAN**, THE PARTY'S OVER! GIVE UP NOW AND SAVE YOURSELF A LOT OF FLAMING FIREWORKS!

THE **HUMAN TORCH**!

BEAT IT, JUNIOR! I DON'T WASTE TIME FIGHTIN' **KIDS**! THE **SPIDER-MAN**'S THE GUY I'M AFTER--AND UNTIL I FIND HIM, NO FLAMIN' FATHEAD IS GETTIN' A RISE OUT OF ME!



YOU MAY SCARE THE BEJABBERS OUT OF SMALL TIME PUNKS AND JUVENILE DELINQUENTS, BUT YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE THIS TIME! THIS IS THE **SANDMAN**, SONNY BOY! AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT!



WAIT! COME BACK! DON'T JUMP! FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD--!!

SEE YOU IN THE FUNNY PAPERS SHORTY!



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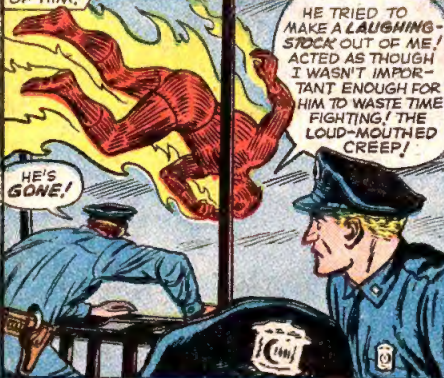
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WITHIN SECONDS, THE SANDMAN IS COMPLETELY OUT OF SIGHT, AS THE ANGRILY FRUSTRATED HUMAN TORCH SCANS THE RIVER BELOW, SEEKING A TRACE OF HIM!



HE TRIED TO MAKE A LAUGHING-STOCK OUT OF ME! ACTED AS THOUGH I WASN'T IMPORTANT ENOUGH FOR HIM TO WASTE TIME FIGHTING! THE LOUD-MOUTHED CREEP!

HE'S GONE!

AS THE MINUTES TICK BY, ALL RETURNS TO NORMAL ON THE BRIDGE! NO TRACE OF THE SANDMAN IS SEEN IN THE WATER BELOW, AND THE POLICE SOON RETURN TO THEIR NORMAL DUTIES! AS FOR THE TORCH...



HE'S TOO ORNERY TO DROWN! HE PROBABLY JUST TURNED TO SAND AND DRIFTED AWAY SOMEWHERE! BUT I'LL GET HIM YET!

BUT IT SEEMS THAT THE FIRST ROUND IS UNQUESTIONABLY THE SANDMAN'S! FOR HE HAS NOT FALLEN TO THE WATER BELOW! INSTEAD, UNSEEN BY ANY OF HIS STARTLED PURSUERS, HE HAS MERELY COZED ONTO THE UNDERSIDE OF THE BRIDGE, WHERE HE REMAINS UNTIL ALL IS CLEAR!



GUESS IT'S SAFE FOR ME TO LEAVE HERE NOW, ALTHOUGH I'M JUST BEGINNIN' TO GET COMFORTABLE! GOOD THING I CAN MAKE MY PARTICLES OF SAND CLING TO ALMOST ANY SURFACE!

YES SIR! GETTING CAUGHT IN THAT ATOMIC BLAST WAS THE LUCKIEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME! A GUY WITH A SANDY BODY CAN DO JUST ABOUT ANYTHING--AND A MILLION HUMAN TORCHES CAN'T STOP ME!



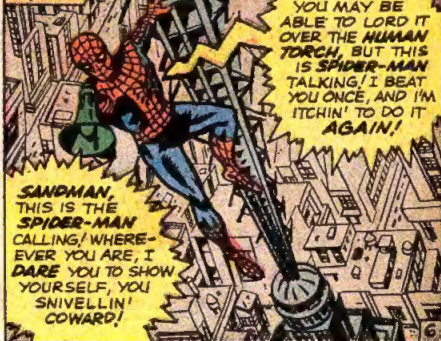
BUT, BLAZING FURIOUSLY ACROSS MID-MANHATTAN, A FIGHTING-MAD TORCH HAS SOME IDEAS OF HIS OWN!

NOTHING COULD MAKE ME NOT GO AFTER THE SANDMAN NOW!



SO, HE WON'T FIGHT ANYBODY EXCEPT SPIDER-MAN, EH? WELL, MAYBE THAT CAN BE ARRANGED--BUT NOT QUITE THE WAY SANDMAN EXPECTS!

THE NEXT DAY, A DRAMATIC FIGURE CLIMBS TO THE TOP OF THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING TV TOWER, SHOUTING INTO A PORTABLE LOUDSPEAKER AS HE DOES SO! AND SO, OUR TALE NEARS ITS HECTIC CLIMAX...



YOU MAY BE ABLE TO LORD IT OVER THE HUMAN TORCH, BUT THIS IS SPIDER-MAN TALKING! I BEAT YOU ONCE, AND I'M ITCHIN' TO DO IT AGAIN!

SANDMAN, THIS IS THE SPIDER-MAN CALLING! WHEREVER YOU ARE, I DARE YOU TO SHOW YOURSELF, YOU SNIVELLIN' COWARD!

AT THAT MOMENT, LURKING IN A DEPARTMENT STORE WHICH HE PLANS TO ROB, THE SANDMAN HEARS...

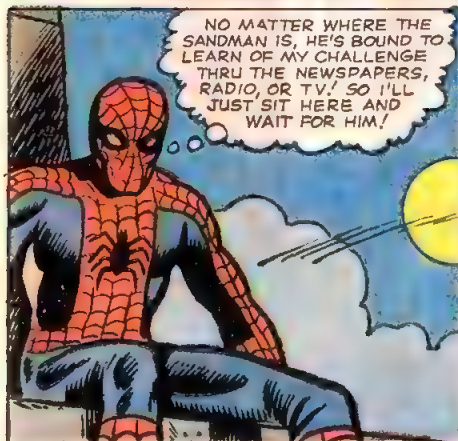
THE ENTIRE BUILDING HAS BEEN CLEARED, SANDMAN! IF YOU **REALLY** AREN'T AFRAID TO FACE ME AGAIN, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE! I **DARE** YOU!

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SPIDER-MAN!!

SO! HE WANTS A FIGHT TO A FINISH, DOES HE?!! WELL, HE'S GONNA **GET IT!**

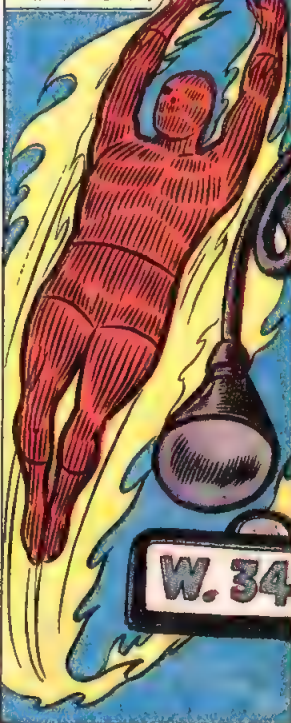
AND THIS TIME IT'LL BE **HIS** FINISH!!




STAGGERED, ON THE BRINK OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS, THE HURTLING COSTUMED FIGURE SEEMS TO BE PLUNGING MADLY TO HIS DOOM AS HE STRIVES DESPERATELY TO CLEAR HIS HEAD... AND THEN, JUST BEFORE THE IMPACT...

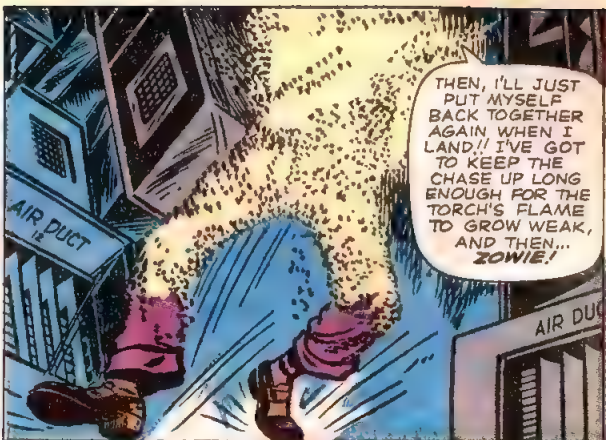


THE SPIDER-MAN COSTUME BURSTS INTO FLAME, DISSOLVING INTO ASHES, AS THE FIERY, BLAZING FIGURE OF THE HUMAN TORCH IS REVEALED, SWOOPING SKYWARD AGAIN!





ALL I'VE GOT
TO DO IS RE-FORM
MY SAND MOLECULES
INTO SEPARATE
PARTICLES AND
DRIFT DOWN THIS
SHAFT LIKE A
FEATHER!




THEN, I'LL JUST
PUT MYSELF
BACK TOGETHER
AGAIN WHEN I
LAND!! I'VE GOT
TO KEEP THE
CHASE UP LONG
ENOUGH FOR THE
TORCH'S FLAME
TO GROW WEAK,
AND THEN...
ZOWIE!



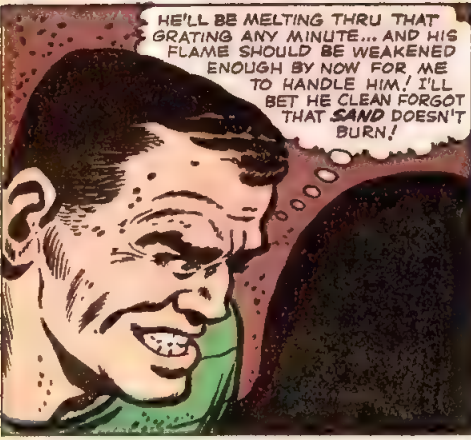
HERE HE COMES AGAIN,
JUST AS I PLANNED!

OKAY, HOT-HEAD, LET'S
SEE YOU FOLLOW ME
THRU THIS AIR
CONDITIONING DUCT!



I **KNOW** IT, YOU
LAMEBRAINED
SQUIRT! IF YOU
WEREN'T SUCH AN
EXCITABLE TEEN-
AGER, YOU MIGHT
HAVE STOPPED TO
FIGURE OUT WHAT
I'M UP TO, BUT
YOU'RE TOO **DUMB!**

THERE'S
NO PLACE YOU
CAN GO THAT
I CAN'T FOLLOW,
LOUD-MOUTH!

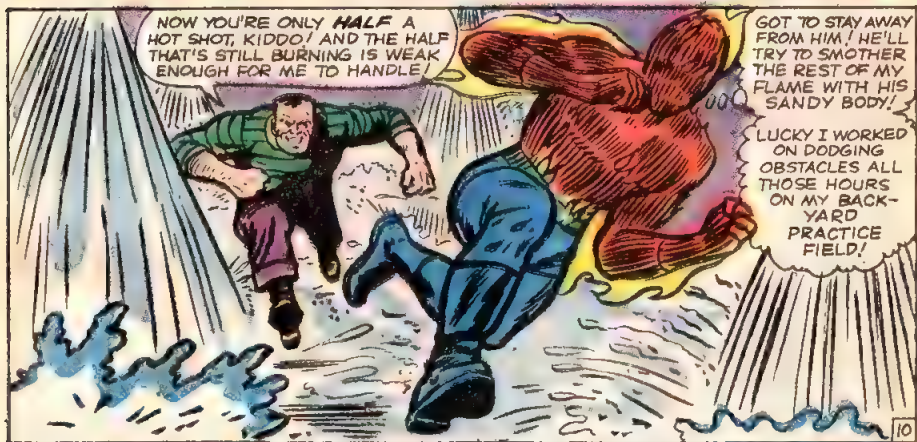
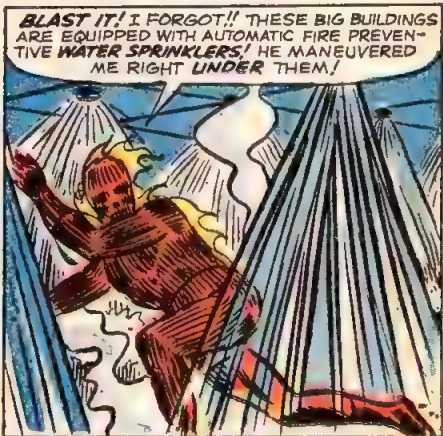
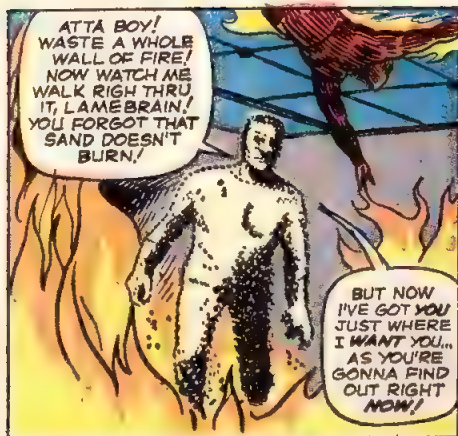
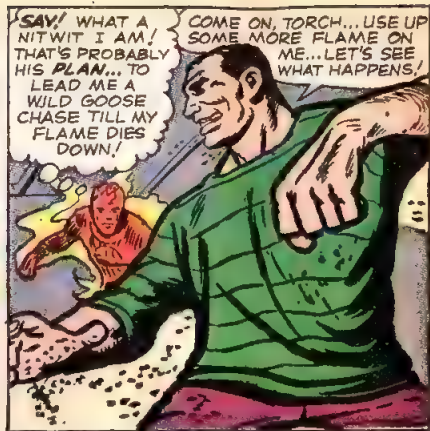


HE'LL BE MELTING THRU THAT
GRATING ANY MINUTE... AND HIS
FLAME SHOULD BE WEAKENED
ENOUGH BY NOW FOR ME
TO HANDLE HIM! I'LL
BET HE CLEAN FORGOT
THAT **SAND** DOESN'T
BURN!



OKAY,
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THIS IS
THE
**SHOW-
DOWN!**

YOU DON'T KNOW
THE **HALF** OF
IT, SHORTY!



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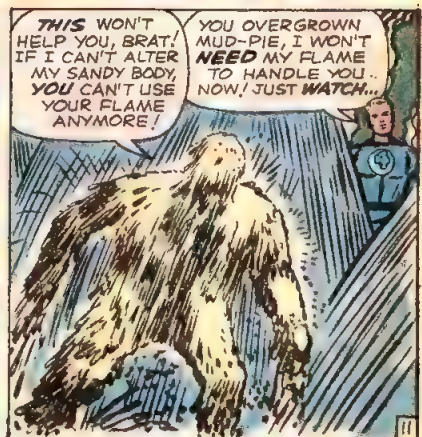
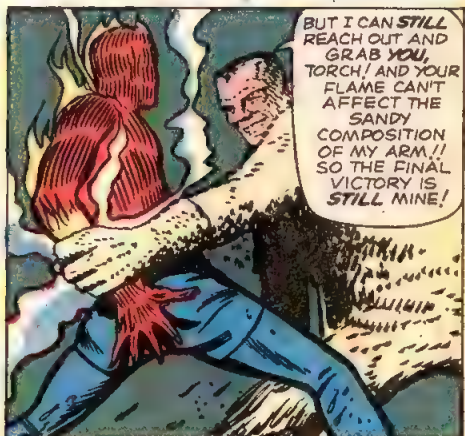
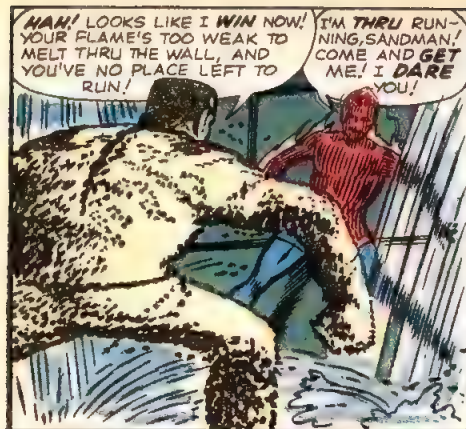
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ARE YOU KIDDIN'!! I'M ALMOST TWICE YOUR SIZE... I COULD HANDLE A DOZEN SQUIRTS LIKE YOU WITH MY EYES CLOSED!

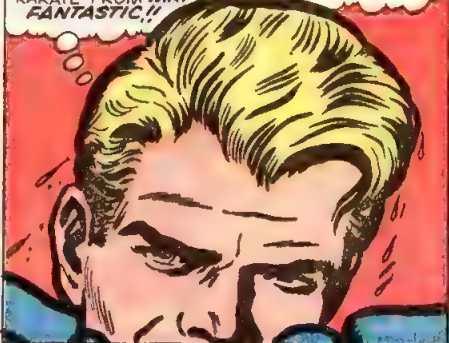


THAT'S LUCKY FOR YOU, CHUM... BECAUSE I'LL BE CLOSING THEM ANY MINUTE NOW!

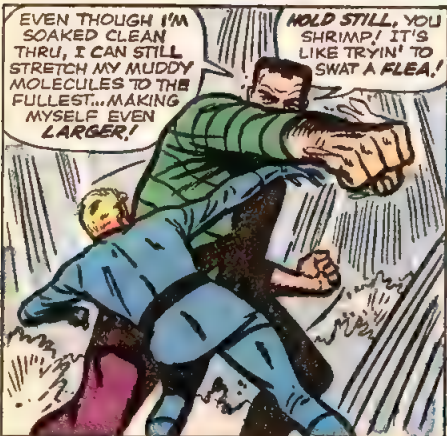


AND SO, THE TORCH GIRDS HIMSELF FOR ONE OF THE GREATEST BATTLES OF HIS LIFE... AS HE TACKLES A DEADLY FOE WITHOUT HIS FAMOUS FLAME!

I'VE STILL GOT **ONE** THING IN MY FAVOR--THE LONG HOURS **THE THING** SPENT TEACHING ME EVERY ROUGH AND TUMBLE TRICK IN THE BOOK... AND THE LESSONS I'VE HAD IN JUDO AND KARATE FROM MR. **FANTASTIC!!**



EVEN THOUGH I'M SOAKED CLEAN THRU, I CAN STILL STRETCH MY MUDDY MOLECULES TO THE FULLEST... MAKING MYSELF EVEN **LARGER!**



HOLD STILL, YOU SHRIMP! IT'S LIKE TRYIN' TO SWAT A FLEA!

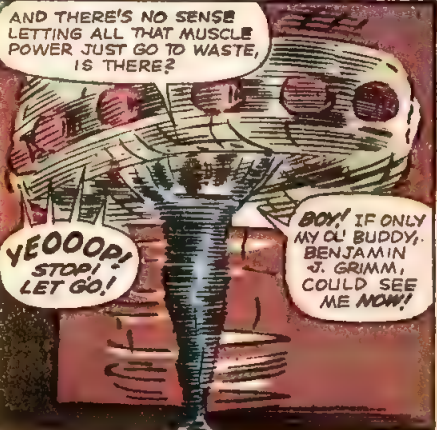


HEY!! WHA--?

YOU FORGOT ONE THING, SANDMAN... THIS FLEA CAN FIGHT BACK!

EVEN WITH MY FLAME ALL OUT, I STILL HAVE ENOUGH EXCESS HEAT IN MY BODY TO MORE THAN DOUBLE MY NORMAL STRENGTH!

AND THERE'S NO SENSE LETTING ALL THAT MUSCLE POWER JUST GO TO WASTE, IS THERE?

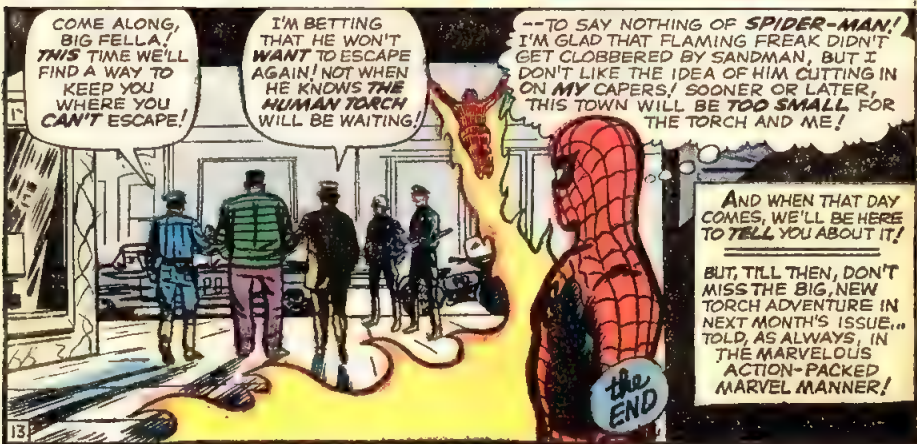
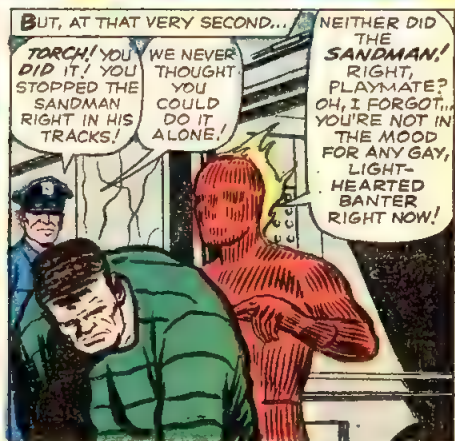
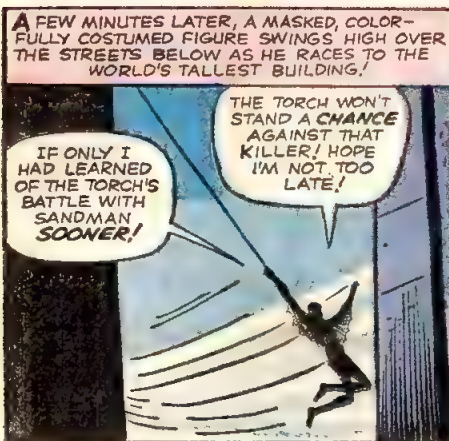


YEEOOP! STOP! LET GO!

BOY! IF ONLY MY OL' BUDDY, BENJAMIN J. GRIMM, COULD SEE ME NOW!



THERE! I WHIRLED YOU AROUND SO YOU'D DRY OFF JUST ENOUGH FOR ME TO HANDLE WITHOUT MUDDYING UP MY PINK LITTLE FINGERS!





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ZERO OF TIME

CCAREFULLY John Pearson walked up the winding stairways that lead to Professor Thomas Benton's experimental laboratory. Here high on Mt. Raleigh was one of the world's largest refracting telescopes. The young reporter felt slightly winded as he knocked on the door. A peep hole showed a single dark brown eye and then the words of welcome were spoken.

"Come on in, John. I have been waiting for you all morning. Everything is set up for our experiment. Another half hour and you would be too late."

Inside a vast hall was a great telescope pointed towards the heavens. The walls were filled with panels, dials, and switches of all kinds. A thin, bald-headed man seemed to be full of excitement. . . .

"So the world thinks I am crazy, eh?" he said without any bitterness in his voice. "They say the proof of the pudding is to go and eat it. I'll make those people eat the hasty words they said about me and my theories. You are the only reporter who said that my Time Machine could be possible according to scientific theory. And now I will show you the way we can recapture either events that happened in the past or events that will take place in the future."

The professor went over to a side panel on which there was a great white line. He moved a switch and part of the ceiling of the great dome moved aside.

The telescope swung into position. A blue light seemed to flood the vast hall. Professor Thomas Benton pointed to the white line.

"On the right side of this line we can contact the events of the past. On the left side of the line we look into the future. Every event of the past sends out vibrations of light to the other planets. With my telescope I can get these rays of light as they rebound from the planet Venus. Every event of the future also has a vibration frequency. With my audio-dynamatone I can find these vibrations and speed them up. Come and stand with me on the termination plate so we can leave this world."

At that given moment the young reporter wondered how he had even written that favorable report about the work of this man who either was the greatest scientist in the world or a terrible mad man. John Pearson walked over to a metal plate on which the Professor was standing. Just then he felt his ankle turning. He reached out to grab something to support himself. There was a blinding flash. The vast hall was filled with an acrid smoke. The reporter coughed and then wiped a mist away from his eyes. The professor was on his feet with a dazed expression on his face. For they were both seated in what looked like a metal car. And in front of them was an old man. He had a white beard that almost reached the floor.

And he was dressed in a white gown.

"A fine mess of things you two have made," scolded the old man in a very severe tone of voice. "Here you are in my space ship and you just don't belong here. I am busy checking over the time events of history. As you probably can guess, I am Father Time. We are travelling on the absolute zero of time. It consists of the interval between the events of the past and the events of the future. On my visio-screen I have been watching your experiments, Professor Benton. I wanted you to fail. You have no right in my domain. But somehow you landed here."

The professor had recovered his wits and wasn't in the slightest way upset either by the turn of events or his present company. He immediately spoke to John.

"When we get back to earth you will be able to testify that my Time Machine was successful. There is such a person as Father Time."

The old man frowned a bit as he studied his two uninvited guests. Then he sighed gently and shook his head twice.

"Even I am willing to concede your experiment was successful," he admitted. "But I notice you speak about getting back to earth. That is an impossibility. For just now you are on a space ship that is going along a course marked by the absolute zero of time. In order for me to study

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IN ANSWER TO AN AVALANCHE OF REQUESTS, WE PRESENT:

"THE ORIGIN OF Dr. STRANGE"

EDITOR'S NOTE:

IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN TO THE OFF-BEAT MARVEL COMICS GROUP! WITH THREE PUBLISHED STORIES OF DR. STRANGE ALREADY UNDER OUR BELTS, WE HAVE BEEN OVER-
WHELMED BY A FLOOD OF LETTERS REMINDING US THAT WE FORGOT ONE LITTLE DETAIL... WE FORGOT TO GIVE YOU HIS ORIGIN!

WELL, NEVER LET IT BE SAID THAT WE DON'T TRY TO CORRECT OUR NUTTY MISTAKES! STAN AND STEVE DROPPED EVERYTHING AND RUSHED THIS EXTRA-LONG 8-PAGER INTO PRODUCTION IN TIME FOR THIS ISH! IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE THEY'VE FORGOTTEN, DON'T TELL 'EM! THEY'RE OUT RESTING UP BY TRYING TO FINISH THE LATEST ISSUE OF "SPIDER-MAN" ON TIME!

AND NOW, HERE IT IS... THE ORIGIN OF THE MYSTERIOUS MASTER OF BLACK MAGIC...

WHERE DOES HE COME FROM?

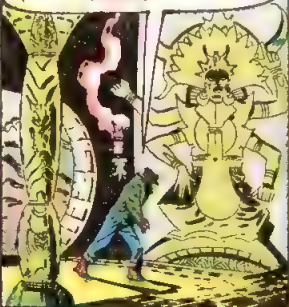
HOW DID HE GET HIS POWERS?

WHO IS HE?

WRITTEN BY: STAN LEE
DRAWN BY: STEVE DITKO
LETTERED BY: S. ROSEN

COME WITH US TO INDIA, LAND OF MYSTIC ENCHANTMENT, WHERE WE FIND A HAGGARD FIGURE ENTERING A STRANGELY SILENT CHAMBER...

I'VE SEARCHED FOR MONTHS, BUT NOW AT LAST MY QUEST IS ENDED!



YOU! OLD MAN! ARE YOU THE ONE I SEEK? ARE YOU CALLED "THE ANCIENT ONE"?

I AM THE ANCIENT ONE!



THEN YOU'RE THE ONE WITH THE MAGIC HEALING POWER! I NEED YOU! YOU HAVE TO HELP ME!

BE PATIENT, MAN OF THE WESTERN WORLD!



I HEAL NONE SAVE THOSE WHO **DESERVE** IT! THE POWER OF MY MAGIC MUST NEVER BE WASTED ON THE UNDESERVING! FIRST, YOU MUST PROVE YOU ARE **WORTHY!**



YOU CAN'T REFUSE ME! I WON'T LET YOU! I'VE TRAVELLED TOO FAR...WAITED TOO LONG...

STOP! I WILL PERMIT NO ACT OF VIOLENCE HERE! NONE MAY LIFT A HAND AGAINST THE ANCIENT ONE!

OH!! WHA--?



HE...HE IS HOLDING ME **MOTIONLESS** ABOVE THE GROUND... JUST BY A **GESTURE!** IT'S **UNCANNY!**

AND NOW I SHALL PEER INTO YOUR BRAIN... INTO YOUR MEMORY... AND LEARN THE **TRUTH** ABOUT YOU!



I SEE YOU IN THE PAST...IN AMERICA...YOU ARE WEARING THE FROCK OF A **DOCTOR!** AHH, YOU WERE A FAMOUS SURGEON NAMED **STEPHEN STRANGE!**



"YOU WERE PROUD, HAUGHTY, SUCCESSFUL! BUT YOU CARED LITTLE FOR YOUR FELLOW MEN..."

THE OPERATION WAS A SUCCESS, DOCTOR! YOUR PATIENT WANTS TO THANK YOU!

I CAN'T BE BOTHERED! JUST BE SURE HE PAYS HIS BILL!



"MONEY...THAT WAS ALL THAT INTERESTED YOU... ALL YOU CARED ABOUT..."

SORRY, IF YOU WON'T PAY MY PRICE, I CAN'T HELP YOU! FIND ANOTHER DOCTOR!



"TO YOU THE PROBLEMS OF OTHERS MEANT LESS THAN NOTHING!"

DR. STRANGE, WE NEED YOUR HELP ON OUR NEW MEDICAL RESEARCH PROJECT!

SORRY, I AM NOT INTERESTED IN CHARITY WORK!



BUT WITH YOUR SKILL, YOUR KNOWLEDGE, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND A CURE FOR... WAIT!! COME BACK!

WHEN YOU'RE WILLING TO PAY ME FOR MY TALENT, I WILL LISTEN, I WILL LISTEN! NOT UNTIL THEN! GOOD DAY!



"BUT WHAT IS THIS? THE SCENE NOW CHANGES! I SEE AN AUTO ACCIDENT, ON A LONELY ROAD! THE VICTIM IS ALIVE, BUT INJURED! THE VICTIM IS... YOU!!"

WE GOT HERE JUST IN TIME, JOE! CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE!



"YOU RECOVERED IN DUE TIME! YOUR LIFE WAS SPARED, BUT YOU SUFFERED A TERRIBLE BLOW..."

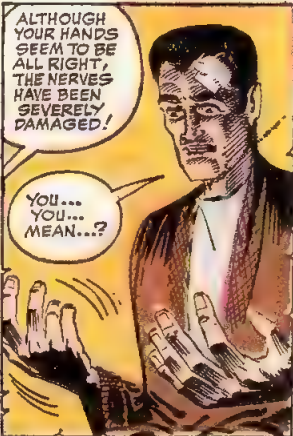
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU THIS...

SPEAK UP, MAN! I CAN TAKE IT! WHAT DO THE X-RAYS SHOW?



ALTHOUGH YOUR HANDS SEEM TO BE ALL RIGHT, THE NERVES HAVE BEEN SEVERELY DAMAGED!

YOU... YOU... MEAN...?



YES! YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO PERFORM AN OPERATION AGAIN!

NO! NO!

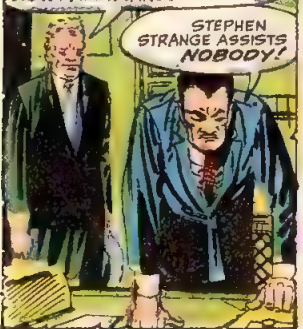
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU! YOU'RE LYING! YOU MUST BE LYING!



"OTHERS TRIED TO HELP YOU, BUT YOU WERE TOO BITTER... TOO FULL OF PENT-UP SELF-PITY!"

EVEN THOUGH YOU CAN'T OPERATE, YOU CAN WORK AS A CONSULTANT.. AS MY ASSISTANT!

STEPHEN STRANGE ASSISTS NOBODY!



"AND SO YOU WENT INTO SECLUSION... YOU SPENT YOUR DAYS BROODING, AS BITTERNESS FILLED YOUR SOUL!"

I MUST BE THE BEST... THE GREATEST!!! OR ELSE... NOTHING!

I'LL NEVER CONSENT TO WORK FOR ANYONE ELSE!



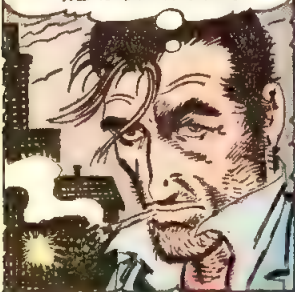
"YOU LOST TRACK OF TIME... YOU BECAME A DRIFTER... LITTLE MORE THAN A HUMAN DERELICT! AND THEN, ONE DAY, ON THE DOCKS, YOU OVERHEARD TWO SAILORS!"

YEAH, I HEARD OF THE ANCIENT ONE, ALSO! THEY SAY HE CAN CURE ANYTHING... BY SOME MAGIC POWER!

IF YOU ASK ME, HE'S JUST A LEGEND!



THE ANCIENT ONE!! MANY TIMES IN THE PAST I, TOO, HAVE HEARD THIS NAME MENTIONED IN LOW WHISPERS! CAN IT BE THAT THERE IS SOME **TRUTH** TO THE LEGENDS? HISTORY TELLS US THERE **HAVE** BEEN MEN WITH CERTAIN POWERS... WHAT IF **HE** IS SUCH A MAN?



THE REST IS EASY TO DEDUCE! YOU SOUGHT ME, FOR MY HEALING POWER! BUT I CANNOT HELP YOU... FOR YOUR MOTIVES ARE STILL SELFISH!

AND YET, I SEEM TO SEE A SPARK WITHIN YOU... A SPARK OF DECENCY... OF GOODNESS... WHICH I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FAN INTO A FLAME!



IF YOU WILL STAY HERE... STUDY WITH ME... PERHAPS YOU WILL FIND WITHIN YOURSELF THE CURE YOU SEEK!

I SHOULD HAVE **KNOWN!** IT WAS JUST A WASTE OF TIME! YOU'RE NOTHING BUT AN OLD FRAUD!



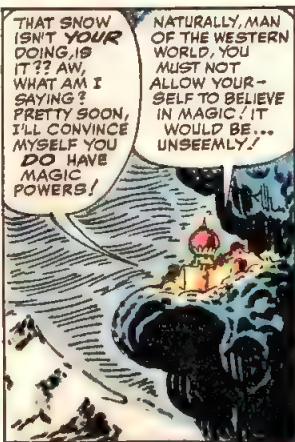
YOUR LITTLE PARLOR TRICKS DON'T IMPRESS **ME!** I'M LEAVING! SAY... WHERE DID THAT **SNOW** COME FROM? IT WASN'T THERE BEFORE!! I COULD NEVER MAKE IT DOWN THE PASS NOW!

NO... YOU WILL HAVE TO REMAIN UNTIL IT THAWS!



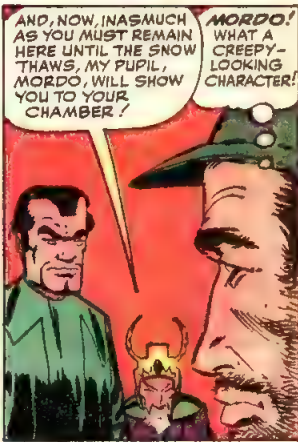
THAT SNOW ISN'T **YOUR** DOING, IS IT?? AW, WHAT AM I SAYING? PRETTY SOON, I'LL CONVINCE MYSELF YOU **DO** HAVE MAGIC POWERS!

NATURALLY, MAN OF THE WESTERN WORLD, YOU MUST NOT ALLOW YOURSELF TO BELIEVE IN MAGIC! IT WOULD BE... UNSEEMLY!



AND, NOW, INASMUCH AS YOU MUST REMAIN HERE UNTIL THE SNOW THAWS, MY PUPIL, MORDO, WILL SHOW YOU TO YOUR CHAMBER!

MORDO! WHAT A CREEPY-LOOKING CHARACTER!



ALL HE DOES IS STUDY THOSE MEANINGLESS SCROLLS AND RECITE HIS EMPTY DIRGES! WHAT A WASTE OF TIME!

I NEVER SHOULD HAVE COME HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!

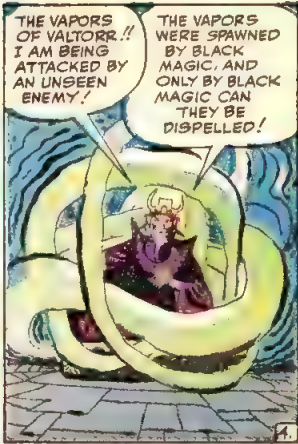


I'LL ASK THE OLD MAN IF HE KNOWS HOW LONG IT TAKES THE SNOW TO MELT AROUND HERE! HMM... LOOKS LIKE HE'S ASLEEP! SAY, WHAT'S THAT VAPOR SWIRLING AROUND HIM?



THE VAPORS OF VALTORR!! I AM BEING ATTACKED BY AN UNSEEN ENEMY!

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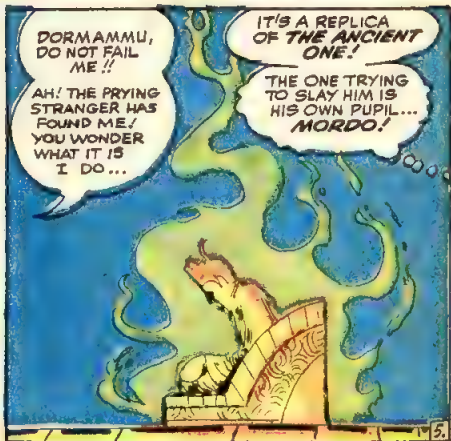
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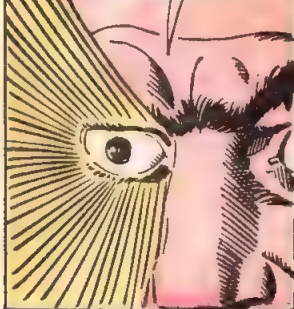


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FOOL! YOU THINK I AM **HELPLESS?** YOU THINK **YOU** CAN DEFEAT MY PLAN?!! **BEHOLD!!**



SEE HOW EASILY I CAN CAST A **SPELL** UPON YOU... A SPELL WHICH WILL PREVENT YOU FROM EVER GIVING AWAY MY SECRET!



A **VAPOR** IS FORMING! FROM OUT OF **NOWHERE!** IT...IT'S COMING ... TOWARDS ME!



IT'S FORMED ITSELF INTO AN **IRON CLAMP** AROUND MY MOUTH! I-I CANNOT SPEAK!



BUT WAIT!! IT...IT ISN'T **REALLY** THERE!! AND YET, I AM UNABLE TO SPEAK! SO... THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A **MAGIC SPELL**... AND THIS IS **PROOF** OF IT!



BUT, ALTHOUGH I CANNOT SPEAK, I CAN STILL **MOVE!** I'LL... **WHA...?!!**

HALT!! BY THE POWERS OF DARKNESS, I COMMAND YOU!



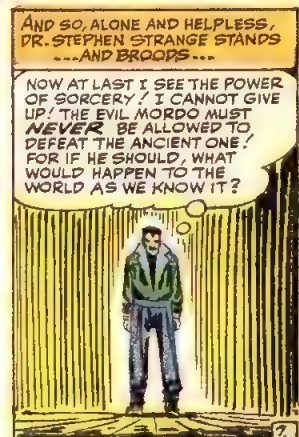
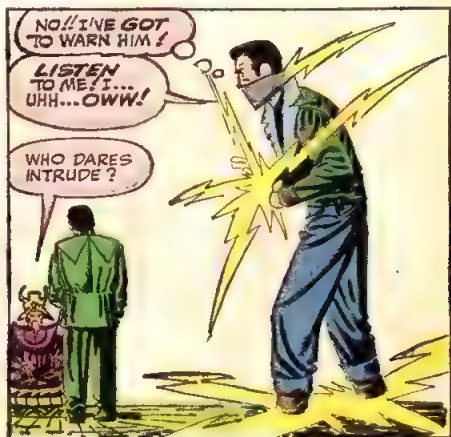
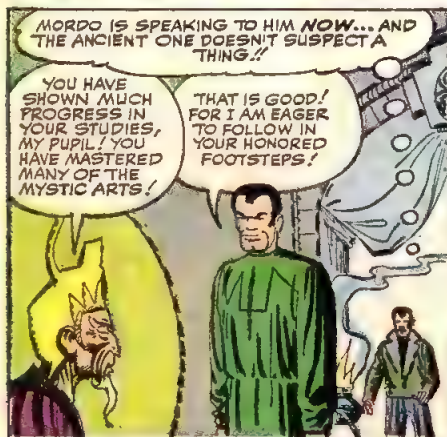
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THERE! NONE CAN SEE YOUR **IRON CLAMP**, OR THE FORCE THAT SURROUNDS YOUR WRISTS! **BUT YOU** FEEL THEM! **YOU** KNOW THEY ARE THERE!





I AM ONLY SUBJECT TO MORDO'S SPELL IF I TRY TO **WARN** THE ANCIENT ONE! YET, I AM ABLE TO SPEAK OF **OTHER MATTERS**... SO THERE IS STILL ONE HOPE!

IF, TOO, CAN LEARN THE SECRETS OF BLACK MAGIC, THEN I CAN BATTLE MORDO WITH HIS OWN WEAPONS!

ANCIENT ONE, I CRAVE A BOON! I WISH TO ACCEPT THE TERMS YOU OFFERED ME SOME DAYS AGO! I WISH TO STUDY AT YOUR FEET... TO BE TAUGHT YOUR KNOWLEDGE... TO PROVE MYSELF WORTHY OF THE MYSTIC ARTS!

AHH! AT LAST I HAVE REACHED THE **REAL** DR. STRANGE!

I KNEW THAT THERE WAS **GOOD** WITHIN YOU... IF I COULD BUT BRING IT TO THE SURFACE! I **ACCEPT** YOU, MY SON! YOU SHALL BE MY DISCIPLE!

FIRST, I RELEASE YOU FROM MORDO'S SPELL... **SO**, NOW YOU ARE FREE TO SPEAK, TO ACT, EVEN AS BEFORE!

YOU... YOU **KNEW** OF MORDO'S SPELL?!!

OF COURSE! THE PUPIL CAN HAVE NO SECRETS FROM HIS MASTER! BUT, ALTHOUGH HE IS EVIL, I PREFER TO KEEP MORDO **HERE** WHERE I CAN CONTROL HIM, RATHER THAN BANISH HIM! ONE DAY, MY SON, WHEN I AM GONE, IT WILL BE **YOUR** TASK TO BATTLE MORDO... TO THE **FINISH**!

YOU HAVE BEEN TESTED, AND YOU HAVE PASSED YOUR BAPTISM OF FIRE! BUT THE PATH AHEAD OF YOU WILL BE DIFFICULT, AND FRAUGHT WITH DANGER! DO YOU STILL WISH TO CONTINUE?

I DO, ANCIENT ONE!

AND SO IT BEGAN! THE DAYS TURNED TO WEEKS, TO MONTHS, TO YEARS! AS DR. STRANGE STUDIED THE LONG-DEAD MYSTIC ARTS! SLOWLY HE CHANGED... SLOWLY HIS LIFE TOOK ON A NEW DEEPER MEANING... SLOWLY HE PREPARED HIMSELF FOR THE EPIC BATTLES AHEAD, THE BATTLES WHICH COULD ONLY BE WON BY DR. STRANGE, MASTER OF BLACK MAGIC!

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The End

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events of the past and the future I must logically be out of time. And since you are with me it follows that both of you are also out of time. Make yourself comfortable. You will be my guests for infinity. And since time is also an attribute of space it also follows that actually you aren't any place at all."

The reporter was worried. For to the best of his knowledge he had visited the experimental laboratory on a Tuesday. And on Wednesday night he had a date with Helen Randlings to take her to a party. And Helen wasn't the kind of a girl you could give a stand up and ever get another date.

"Look, Father Time," protested the young reporter, "I have to be back on earth for a very important engagement. There is a certain young lady whom I hope someday to make Mrs. Pearson. She's the most wonderful girl in the world. But she has a temper. If I don't show up there will be trouble."

The old man smiled a bit and did some careful thinking before he replied. After all, even out in the galaxy, it was well known that a female of this species didn't like to be kept waiting.

"I didn't need you to come into my time dimension. You are both uninvited guests. You got yourself here. Now just get yourself out of my space ship and back to earth—if you can."

Professor Benton heard every word that was spoken. But at the same time he was gazing out of a window and watching a shooting star being chased by a comet. In spite of the present difficulty he was something of a happy man. His Time Machine did work!

"I know our being here is all a mistake," he admitted. "My young friend was standing next

to me in my laboratory on the termination plate. He slipped and started my machine working. We hit the line that divides the present from the future. That is how we happen to be on your space ship. Please accept our apologies for any inconveniences we may have caused you."

"Now look, here, you two," shot back Father Time, "I have



to check my Events Book. Everything that has happened or will happen is written in it. Let me see what it says about you two being here."

The old man pressed a button. On a small moving platform a gold book appeared. He looked at a watch in front of him and then opened the book to a certain page. Wrinkles began to appear on the few smooth portions of his forehead.

"Most peculiar, most peculiar," commented Father Time. "Not a single line or word about you two. Since you are in the absolute zero of time it really is the same as if it never took place nor will it ever take place. You really don't belong here. You ought to be back down in that laboratory on earth. But how to get you back. That is the question of the ages."

John Pearson looked at the peculiar clock he had noticed. On its face was a dial with all zeroes. He took the timepiece in his right hand and went over to the professor.

"We both fell down and came into contact with the absolute zero of time in your laboratory which was that dividing line. Let's fall down in our chairs here with this clock and see what happens. But I know we got to get out of here. I must keep that date."

Before Father Time could offer any objections his two visitors fell into their chairs. There was acrid smoke filling up space. Then a blinding flash. When John Pearson opened his eyes there were many people in the room.

"A bolt of lightning hit the place," explained one of the men. "Wrecked all the equipment and shocked both of you. But you are all o.k. now."

The young reporter was going to keep his date with a certain lady who didn't like a stand up. It was Wednesday and he was going to put on his new suit. John placed his hand in his coat pocket and looked at the object he was holding. He managed to get one word past his lips.

"Migosh." For he was holding the zero clock he had taken from Father Time.

THE END

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He's Looking for People Who Like to Draw

TODAY HUNDREDS of men and women who never thought they could be artists are working happily at easels and drawing boards, making pictures, and getting well paid for it. They all can thank Albert Dorne, a famous artist who devotes almost his full time to helping other people become artists.

Some of the people Dorne has helped

Herb Smith was a payroll clerk. Soon after he started studying with us, he landed an art job with a large printing firm. This was four years ago; today he's head artist for the same firm.

John Buskett is another. He was a pipefitter's helper in a big gas company. Today he still works for the same company, but as an artist in the advertising department, with a big increase in pay.

Harriet Kuzniewski was bored with an "ordinary" job before she heard of Albert Dorne. Today she does high-style fashion illustration in New York.

With the right training, Wanda Pickulski gave up her typing job to become fashion artist for a local department store.

John Whitaker of Memphis was an airline clerk two years ago. Recently he won a national cartooning contest and was signed to do a newspaper comic strip.

Long before Albert Dorne started looking for people who like to draw, they came to him for advice and help. Since he alone could only help a few of these people he called together America's most successful artists — men like Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Stevan Dohanos and Al Parker.

A Plan to Help Others

He said: "All over America, there are people who like to draw, who could be turned into good artists. Why can't we give these people the training they need—including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years? I'm suggesting a new kind of school—a home-study art school

that would give talented people the best professional art training, no matter where they live."

The famous artists agreed. Taking time from their busy careers, they spent several years creating a remarkable series of art lessons covering every aspect of drawing and painting. They illustrated their lessons with over 5,000 "here's-how" illustrations. The lessons start from scratch and cover every skill a top artist needs. Finally, the famous artists developed a wonderful way to give each student personal correction and advice all through his training.

Albert Dorne is not surprised by the success of his students. "The art field is growing. We keep getting calls from all over the country, asking us for practical, well-trained students who can step into full-time or part-time art jobs."

Famous Artists Talent Test

To find others with art talent worth developing, the famous artists created a 12-page talent test. Thousands paid \$1 for this test, but now the School offers it free and will grade it free. If you show talent on the test, you will be eligible for training by the School. No obligation. Simply mail coupon. It might be your first step to an exciting, well-paid career in art.

Famous Artists Schools Studio 7966, Westport, Conn.

I would like to find out whether I have art talent worth developing. Please send me, without obligation, your Famous Artists Talent Test.

Mr. _____ Age _____
Mrs. _____ (please print)
Miss _____
Address _____
City _____ Zone _____
County _____ State _____

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America's 12 Most Famous Artists

Norman Rockwell	Fred Lukedens
Jon Whitcomb	Ben Stahl
Al Parker	Robert Fawcett
Stevan Dohanos	Austin Briggs
George Giusti	Harold Von Schmidt
Peter Helek	Albert Dorne